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None

The relevance of the U.S. Patent Nos. 4,829,453, 5,220,614, 5,224,176, and 5,494,147 is discussed in Applicant's specification at page 3. The relevance of the U.S. Patent No. 5,042,650 is discussed in Applicant's specification at page 4.

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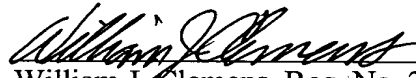
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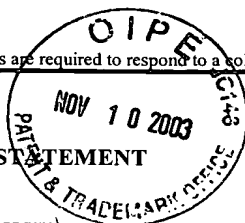
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